

Table 17**TARIFF-RATE-QUOTA UPDATE**

U.S. Tobacco Imports Subject to Tariff-Rate-Quota 1/

September 13, 1998 through February 22, 1999
Metric Tons

<i>Quota Recipients</i>	<i>1998/1999 Quota</i>	<i>Imports to Date</i>	<i>Percent of TRQ Used</i>
Argentina	11,000	2,722	24.7%
Brazil	80,200	13,063	16.3%
Chile	2,750	0	0.0%
European Union	10,000	1,270	12.7%
Guatemala	9,625	723	7.5%
Malawi	12,000	4,760	39.7%
Philippines	3,000	38	1.3%
Thailand	7,000	376	5.4%
Zimbabwe	12,000	1,699	14.2%
Residual 2/	3,000	2,271	75.7%
Total	150,575	26,922	17.9%

1/ U.S. Tariff Schedule line items subject to the tariff-rate-quota (TRQ) include flue-cured and light air-cured tobacco, including burley, which are used in the manufacture of cigarettes for consumption in the United States.

2/ A TRQ of 3,000 metric tons is available to all countries, other than the 9 designated quota recipient countries, and is allocated on a first come/first served basis.

NOTE: The TRQ is administered on a September 13 - September 12 trade year.

SOURCE: U.S. Customs Service.

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